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Mr. William T. Mast *card*  
President  
Wayne Rotary Club  
Wayne, Michigan

Dear Mr. Mast:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 9 inviting Mrs. Dulles and me to assist in the Golden Anniversary of the Rotary Club at Wayne this coming February or March.

It is with regret that I have to decline your kind invitation. Unfortunately, official obligations require me to address numerous service schools and other Governmental groups. This necessitates eliminating many outside engagements in which I would otherwise enjoy participating. Also, as you can well understand, the very fact that I am Director of Central Intelligence often makes it difficult and inappropriate for me to take part in public discussions of matters that might be of a controversial nature.

It is with decided reluctance therefore that I say Mrs. Dulles and I will not be present but I want to congratulate you on your excellent organization and wish you every success.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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